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Paul, in addition to the comments I made earlier, adding conservation numbers to the Southern California Regional Section, please consider the following:

The greatest uncertainty in the entire document is the groundwater overdraft estimate of 2 million acre feet that is added to all future demand scenario projections. Any groundwater overdraft number, as you know, is a guess, since the data is from the 1970s. We urge you to take out the groundwater overdraft number and simply note that current groundwater overdraft is not available. Simply providing the aged reference is NOT ENOUGH to portray a true water picture.

On another groundwater issue, please look at Table 5-3, the South Coast Hydrologic Region Water Use and Distribution of Dedicated Supplies. Under groundwater, the artificial recharge is zero. **This cannot possibly be true.** Has anyone talked with the various groundwater management agencies in the region? The number cannot be zero.

One approach to acknowledging the very poor quality of the groundwater information in the State Water Plan, you could call the document an "interim" or "transition" document, awaiting better information between now and the next Water Plan, which is only three years out.

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